

Application Serial No. 10/521,824
Amendment dated December 1, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 15, 2006

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mossbeck et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,862,763. This Mossbeck prior art reference has a filing date which is subsequent to the foreign priority date of the international application upon which this application is predicated. In order to overcome this same rejection in the first Office Action, Applicants submitted a certified copy of the Swedish application upon which the International PCT application (from which this national application was derived) is predicated. However, the Examiner, in the final Office Action stated that Applicants cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of the papers had not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55.

Attached to this paper is a certified English language translation of the Swedish priority document, Swedish Patent Application No. 0203163-1 filed October 29, 2002 by Stjernfjädrar AB, Herrljunga SE. It is submitted, therefore, that this final rejection based upon the Mossbeck reference is no longer applicable.

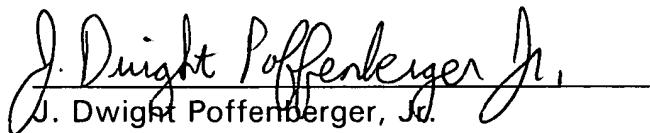
The undersigned attorney has reviewed all of the other prior art references cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon. Either those applications lack a filing date which predates the effective foreign priority date of this application, or they are clearly not sufficiently relevant as to warrant individual comment.

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This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fees are required as a result of this paper. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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